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Thompson
Duane Marine

Re: Duane Marine Salvage Corp.

Dear Ms. Thompson:

In a discussion regarding my March 25 submission to you on behalf of Vornado, Inc., you requested documentation attesting to that company's purchase of virgin Number 4 fuel oil prior to the spill that occurred during the 1978-79 winter. Please find enclosed nine separate invoices, dated between December 15, 1977 and March 17, 1978, evidencing the purchase of Number 4 fuel from Amerada Hess. I am advised that these purchases constitute the fuel supplies furnished for the 1977-78 winter season and that deliveries would have resumed in December of 1978 or January 1979 for the ensuing season but for the spill.

I also enclose an affidavit executed by Robyn Hubschman who searched all of Vornado's records for documentation regarding Duane Marine. As you will note, she attests to the fact that the cleanup of spilled oil represents the only business transaction between Vornado and Duane Marine for the years 1977-1981, inclusive.

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Finally, I submit a site survey of the Vornado property on which a superimposed red line indicates that the distance between the fuel oil storage tanks and that portion of the property that was leased to an auto service vendor is 540 feet. I hope you agree that that distance is sufficient to belie the suspicion that the spilled oil originated from the auto service area.

The reason that this response has taken nearly two months to compile is that we wanted to conduct an exhaustive search of Vornado records, which I previously informed you were stored in a warehouse, to ensure that we will have provided you with all documentation pertinent to the oil cleanup project. We have completed that search and have provided, with this letter, all of the relevant information we can. Please call me if you have any further questions.

Very truly yours,

HANNOCH WEISMAN

By 

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Enclosures (w/o survey)

cc: Ms. Janet Feldstein (Encl. survey only)